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## Sen. Cameron Brown Honors Film Star Verne Troyer

*Southern Michigan native and star of silver screen saluted at State Capitol*

**WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2003** – Sen. Cameron Brown and the Michigan Senate today honored film star Verne Troyer at the State Capitol for his commitment to local schools and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

“When some people leave home they don’t come back and they don’t look back,” said Brown. “Verne Troyer has done both and we are proud to honor him today as our native son.”

Troyer, a 1987 graduate of Centreville High School in St. Joseph County, received a signed State Seal and a standing ovation from the Senate chamber.

Troyer has starred in such films as the “Austin Powers” comedies, “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone,” “Men in Black,” and he currently has a recurring guest role on the popular Fox television program, “Boston Public.”

The Senate tribute coincides with “Verne Troyer Days,” a three-day celebration in St. Joseph County this weekend.

Festivities include a parade through downtown Centreville at noon on Saturday, May 10, followed by a public recognition ceremony at the St. Joseph County fairgrounds at 1 p.m. Other scheduled events include private meetings with children participating in the Make-A-Wish program, and visits with students at each of the schools Troyer attended: Nottawa Elementary School, Centreville Elementary School and Centreville High School.

Troyer is contributing scholarships to his high school alma mater for the drama program and for graduating seniors.

“In the effort to honor Verne Troyer he has honored us,” said Brown. “The blessing has come full circle.”

Also joining Brown and the Senate in honoring Troyer were Rep. Rick Shaffer (R-Three Rivers), St. Joseph County Clerk Pattie Bender, St. Joseph County Under-Sheriff Dennis Allen and his wife Vicki, and Troyer’s parents, Junior & Susan Troyer.



*Sen. Brown presents Verne Troyer with a State Seal in the Senate chambers*

**Note: A downloadable high-resolution photograph of Sen. Brown and Verne Troyer is available on Sen. Brown’s Photowire at:**  
<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/Brown/Brown.htm>